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J. Edgar Hoover is reported to have worked to discredit underground papers.

According to the current Columbia Journalism Review, the late FBI director sent a directive to 14 field offices in May 1968 telling them to clip "extremely radical" or "repulsive" articles from the publications and send them anonymously to their funding sources as well as to state legislators, college trustees and "friendly news media." The agency, acting on a suggestion of the CIA, also tried to persuade record companies to withdraw their advertising from underground publications, which forced the collapse of at least two papers, the review said.

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